GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4511
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2001
KENDRIYA BHANDAR
RAGHUNATH JHA;RENU KUMARI SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Bhandar invited a tender for the supply of calculators and that tender has not yet been finalised but supplies have been taken from the old supplier without ensuring that another tenderer has quoted the rates of `Citizen` brand calculators after meeting the formalities;

(b) if so, the reasons for purchasing the calculators without finalising the tender;

(c) the rates quoted for Citizen calculators are less than the rates of Casio calculators which have been purchased;

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government for vitiating the tender process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): An open tender for supply of calculators was invited and the technical bid of the same was opened on 05.07.2001. The financial bid is under process. Limited purchase has been made from the existing approved supplier at approved rate to meet the urgent requirement of the customers pending finalisation of this tender. The tenderer for citizen brand has not submitted the earnest money deposit as per terms and conditions of the tender and as such their tender is invalid.

(c): As the tender for Citizen Brand Calculator is invalid, their financial bid can not be opened and accordingly the comparison between the rate of Casio calculator and Citizen calculator does not arise.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.